

SITUATION REPORT NO. 65
INCIDENT NO. 97-015
DATE: September 18, 1997 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flood statewide.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: The level of Devils Lake continues to fall. The lake level at Creel Bay was at 1,442.65 feet MSL on September 18, 1997.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: To date, 24,403 awards have been issued for nearly \$51.7 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Disaster Housing assistance. A total of 36,494 North Dakotans registered damages with the National Teleregistration Center (NTC).

The Individual and Family Grant Program (IFG), administered by the Division of Emergency Management, has approved more than \$12.9 million in grants to individuals for flood losses. The average IFG grant is \$1,304.29. The staff has closed 22,382 cases, more than 97 percent of its cases.

To date, the Public Assistance staff has received 3,273 Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) for the 333 applicants for the 1997 flood. Nearly \$88 million in infrastructure repairs, emergency work and debris removal has been determined to be eligible in the declared counties. \$71.4 million dollars has been obligated to date.

As of September 17, Job Service North Dakota has paid more than \$4.5 million in Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). The agency has received 8,296 DUA applications.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved to date more than \$169.2 million in low-interest loans for businesses and individuals. The SBA has received 11,579 loan applications, 6,768 of which have been approved. Of the loans, 57 percent were to home owners and renters for real

estate and personal property losses, and 43 percent were to business owners for repairs to businesses and for lost income.

The Satellite Disaster Field Office in Jamestown has closed, leaving offices still open in Fargo, Grand Forks, and Bismarck.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Other web site addresses for flood recovery information include:

N.D. Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>
N.D. League of Cities: <http://www.ndlc.org>
N.D. State Water Commission: <http://water.swc.state.nd.us>
N.D. Attorney General Office: <http://www.state.nd.us/ndag>
N.D. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.state.nd.us/agr/>
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.ncs-wc.usace.army.mil>
U.S. Geological Survey: <http://srv1dndbmk.cr.usgs.gov/public/index.html>

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